Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph **[0019]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0019] The stamp producing device 19 is connected to the host computer 18 and executes, in various exemplary embodiments, various operations under the control of the host computer 18, such as: printing a positive image on the original film 23; printing an identification label on the cut sheet CS; and engraving an image on the stamp material, based on the positive image printed ~~or the~~ on the original film 23.

Please replace paragraph **[0031]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0031] In various exemplary embodiments, the stamp producing device 19 may be provided with a CPU 91, a ROM 92, a RAM 93, and an I/O interface 94. These devices may be connected to each other, for example, by a bus 95. The I/O interface 94 may be connected to the I/O interface 84 of the host computer 18 via a cable or any means of electric communication, for example, a wireless transmitter/receiver. This allows the stamp producing device 19 to retrieve stamp-face data edited, according to this exemplary embodiment, from the host computer 18. Also connected to the I/O interface 94 are a head driving circuit 96 and a motor driving circuit 97. A thermal printhead 26 is connected to the head driving circuit 96, while motors 98 variously located in the stamp producing device 19 for driving the thermal head 26 and various rollers are connected to the motor driving circuit 97.

Please replace paragraph **[0042]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0042] In step S4 of Fig. 5, the e-mail editing program of the host computer 18 selects a piece of e-mail to be edited from a list of pieces of e-mail received by the host computer 18, as shown in Fig. 14.

~~[0048]~~

Please replace paragraph **[0046]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0046] As shown in Fig. 8, when the text code has a delimiting symbol, as shown in step S523: YES, control goes to step S524 on the assumption that the stamp type data has already been retrieved. In step S524, it is determined whether the data retrieved and stored in the stamp type buffer represents the stamp type, "1" or "2" in this exemplary embodiment. As a result, when the data stored in the stamp type buffer is determined to represent the stamp type, as shown in step S524: YES, control goes to step S5241 on the assumption that the data representing the stamp type has been correctly retrieved, the read-pointer is incremented by one, and this subroutine is completed. When the data stored in the stamp type buffer does not to represent the stamp type, as shown in step S524: NO, control goes to step S526, where error handling is performed.

Please replace paragraph **[0047]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0047] As shown in FIG 8, when the text code ~~is a~~ has no delimiting symbol, as shown in step S523: NO, control goes to step S525 on the assumption that the stamp type has not yet been retrieved. In step S525, it is determined whether the text code retrieved in step S522 is a code attached to and indicative of the end of the body of the piece of e-mail or whether retrieval of the text code failed in step S522. When the text code is a code for the end of the body of the piece of e-mail, as shown in step S525: YES, control goes to step S526, where error handling is performed.

Please replace paragraph **[0135]** with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0135] The fourth exemplary embodiment is suitable for use in an amusement facility. As a specific application of the ~~forth~~ fourth exemplary embodiment to an amusement facility, the host computer 18 and the stamp producing device 19 or another personalized product producing device may be installed in each pavilion of an amusement facility so that a

different stamp, name card or sticker/label is produced in each pavilion. Customers may then stop at all pavilions to gather all types of stamps.